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EVERY WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

Library thief is Donne nickin'

LOVED the story this week about the lovesick librarian who stole all those rare books.

I love him because he was quite an original fellow.

He got chucked by his girlfriend so he started nicking vintage literature.

This is opposed to the rest of mankind who, when dumped by a girl, normally do one of the following:

- Say "YOU'RE dumped" before she gets to the end of the sentence.
- Go out and get drunk and try to sleep with her sister or best friend.
- Post that naked video of her on YouTube.
- Listen to the whole of Keane's first album thinking every song was written about you
- Go to your mam's and get your dinner.

But this guy did none of these things.

Instead, he got hooked on the excitement of slipping first edition Chaucers through the library's security system and then flogging them on eBay.

He was eventually caught selling a 17th century copy of John Donne's poetry when an expert spotted the stamp that read "Manchester Central Library".

That's so ironic. I had to study John Donne when I read English at university. He almost did for me too. Unbelievably dull.

If he was into stuff like that, no wonder the girl dumped him.

Skanks for the photos

ANOTHER day, another photo op with Mr and Mrs Skank – aka Doherty and Moss (which bizarrely sounds like an upmarket gentleman's outfitter).

This latest one saw the pair at a masked ball in London. I thought this was pretty darned convenient, bearing in mind Pete was sporting two black eyes from a rumpus in Italy.

Which got me thinking.

Did they change the whole theme of the party to suit this? It wouldn't surprise me if it was originally a Halloween fancy dress affair.

Which makes me really sorry for the bloke who forked out £500 for an original Star Wars Stormtrooper outfit.

Cardiff is out of this world

A TV PART TO DAI FOR

SO Torchwood, eh? Alien gas comes down to earth and starts bonking people to death?

No wonder so many people are going on stag weekends in Cardiff these days.

There is so much to love about this show, mostly because it's like The X Files with everybody believing in aliens, but I have to say the Cardiff angle is the best. There are very few big telly series set in Wales. And that's bad news for Welsh actors.

Every other part of Britain has a show in which local actors can make a few bob without having to travel.

In Scotland there's Taggart, in which every single actor in the country has played a dead body. In Liverpool you've got Hollyoaks and you had Brookside. In Manchester there's Corrie and actors in the Yorkshire countryside are positively flush with work from Emmerdale and Heartbeat. In Bristol there are 47 different variations on Holby City and if even if you play a victim with a heavily bandaged head-wound, you can appear as someone else the very next week.

In Jersey for years local thespians could get by playing villains in Bergerac. Not that they needed the money, because they were all tax exiles in the first place.

London-based luvvies can always prop up the Queen Vic in EastEnders and Slough had The Office. And now Torchwood, if it gets a long enough run, will enable even the most limited of Welsh actors to have a chance.

So let's work out what parts of the country DON'T have a TV series set there.

And let's make it a rule that future shows have to be based there.

So how about a Spooks spin-off in Milton Keynes? With a secret base underneath those concrete cows?

Birmingham's a huge place, with nowt coming from there since the Crossroads Motel closed. Let's have a new series of that Lenny Henry Chef thing. But set in the land of the balti.

The West Country's full of legends about monsters and magic, so why not have the Torchwood spin-off set there?

And what about The Bill? For years it's been set in London, while all you really need is a city in Britain with enough crime to keep coppers busy two evenings a week.

Actually you couldn't move that out of Sun Hill. Where will you find somewhere THAT peaceful?

TOM Cruise is desperate to play Spock in the next Star Trek movie. The film will feature the characters in their early years. Tom will play Spock from the ages of 3 to 12.

ONE survey this week said that one in eight women were extremely grumpy in the morning. Another said that one in eight women say they're not having a lot of sex. Could the two be in any way related?

SCIENTISTS have come up with a device that allows you to speak a foreign language without actually learning it. George Bush used it to learn English.

YET another survey this week said that blokes spend 6 months of their lives ogling women. How brilliant would it be if we could do that in one long uninterrupted stretch?

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A NEW book on Bad Dates includes the following story of a dating nightmare: This girl went out with a bloke who turned out to be a Dalek obsessive. At one point he spent 20 minutes on the phone talking about a new model of Dalek. What a tube! Any REAL Doctor Who geek knows you can't cover a subject like that in less than an hour.

I STILL can't get enough of Borat hoping to sell his newborn baby "to singing transvestite Madonna". Priceless.

SHOCKING story about Naomi Campbell appeared in a tabloid yesterday. Apparently she was spotted chilled out and in a good mood. The horrible lies some people will print, eh?

THIS Monday sees another booze-laden Q magazine awards show with £200,000 of alcohol laid on. I'm sure they're doing it just to tease Tom from Keane.

I've seen Paris dance

PARIS Hilton wants to open up a chain of hotels inspired by the Dirty Dancing film, which is a favourite of hers.

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Another chance to play in Monday's DAILY STAR

V SIGNS

Four-letter pranksters tell drivers where to go

STUNNED motorists were greeted with a four-letter message when jokers tampered with digital road signs.

The signs are supposed to show how many spaces are available in car parks in Crawley, West Sussex.

But drivers turning up at the town's County Mall shopping centre at dawn yesterday were told to "F*** off" in bright orange letters.

"It wasn't exactly what I was expecting to see on my way into the office," said one motorist. "I nearly choked on my latte. It was quite funny though."

Callers rang the local council to tell them about the obscene advice on three signs. But nobody actually complained.

A council spokeswoman said: "Officers took immediate action to remove the offensive words.

■ by BILL MARTIN

Hackers

"Nowhere is foolproof. If hackers can get into the Pentagon, I'm sure they would have no problem with our system."

The jokers gave away their identity when they signed off as "totse" – the American online hacking community – at the bottom of one of the signs.

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HACKED OFF: One of the dodgy road signs

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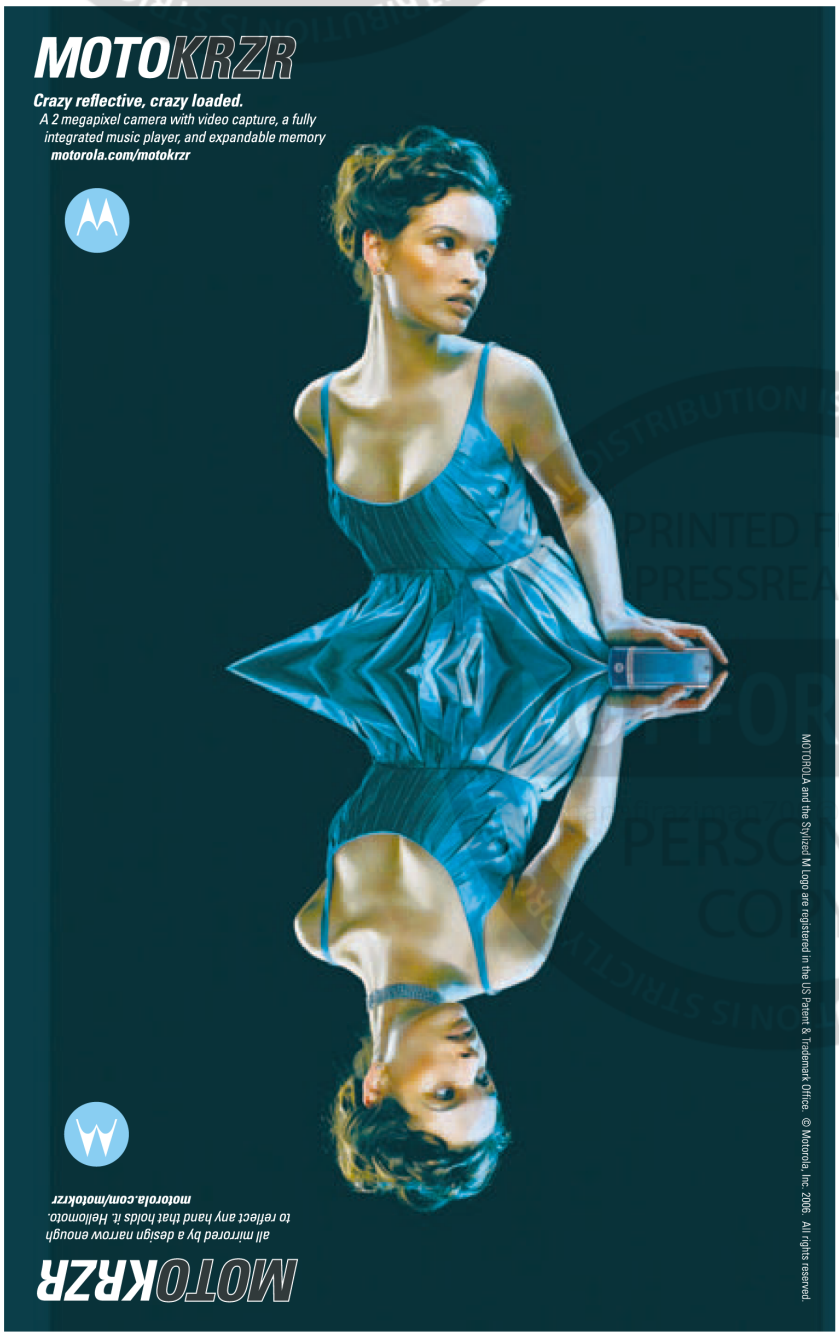

Tops for telly...

WELL HELD: Borat gets to grips with Wossy on his show last night

A big hand for Borat please

■ by PETER DYKE

SPOOF reporter Borat "tackles" cheeky chat show host Jonathan Ross on his telly show.

The wacky star from Kazakhstan gave him a traditional native greeting when he appeared last night – by grabbing him by the goolies!

Presenter Ross, 45, was lost for words for once but his audience were left in stitches.

Meanwhile Borat – the comedy creation of Sacha Baron Cohen, 35 – made Rossy green with envy.

He told him how his older brother – TV pundit and Daily Star Sunday columnist Paul Ross, 49 – is a national hero in Kazakhstan.

The comedy ace teased: "Paul Ross is a big star in Kazakhstan.

"We have a statue of Paul Ross; and January 18 is Paul Ross Day!" For once Wossy was lost for words but managed to splutter: "I'll let him know."

Meanwhile, Entertainment Today presenter Jenni Falconer was left red-faced during her interview with Borat.

The sexy Scottish GMTV presenter giggled and blushed her way through the cringe-making interview, and was stunned when Borat suddenly unleashed his antiquated chauvinistic views.

He said: "Jenni, I am imagining you without clothes on, very nice! Do not try to escape – I can run very fast!

"Maybe we should do some wrestling too."

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DAILY STAR Tops for telly..

HEAVEN 'N HEEL!

Girls given stiletto order

■ by PETER DYKE

X FACTOR girls have been given boot camp-style orders – so they learn how to walk in high heels.

Telly bosses think the sexy singers, who include Leona Lewis, 21, Nikitta Angus, 18, and Dionne Mitchell, 26, look like ostriches wobbling around on stilettos.

They're worried the girls might topple over. So they've decided to bring them to heel.

All the girls have been told to wear "stillies" round the clock to get used to them.

They've got to keep them on even when cleaning, cooking or nipping to the loo.

Spirit

But it wasn't clear whether the order was relaxed when contestants got into the Halloween spirit by dressing up as ghouls and monsters, as shown in our pictures.

A show insider said: "The girls had been spending a lot of time in trainers – or no shoes at all.

"So, when it came to the live show, they looked really awkward in high heels.

"The last thing we want is for Leona to topple on to Simon Cowell,though I'm sure he would enjoy that!"

Tonight, the special guest is crooner Tony Bennett, 80, who might even be asked to pick who, of the remaining 10 wannabes, should be kicked out.

Bookies Ladbrokes have the MacDonald Brothers as 2/1 favourites for eviction.

● *The X Factor, ITV1, at 5.45pm and 8.35pm tonight.*

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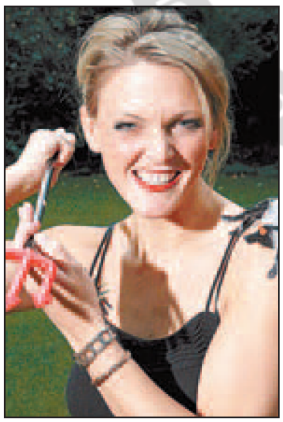
GHOULISH: Eton Road mark Halloween

MASKED: The MacDonald Brothers



SCARY: Kerry McGregor

HOT PROPERTY: Sarah

Sarah will net a new hit

■ by NIGEL PAULEY

TV property queen Sarah Beeny is set to front a new dating show based on her own hit website.

Channel 4's My Single Friend will see pals trying to set up their loveless mates with a date.

Blonde Property Ladder host Sarah, 34, started the My Single Friend website a year ago – and it was recently voted the best online dating site.

Now the mum-of-two is in talks about transferring the winning format to television.

An insider said: "We think My Single Friend promises to be quite an exciting and different style of dating show."

Channel 4 confirmed last night that it was in talks with Sarah, although the project was still in the early stages of development.

Sarah's Property Ladder show on the channel regularly pulls in more than 3million viewers.

And her My Single Friend site has signed up more than 25,000 contributors in 12 months.

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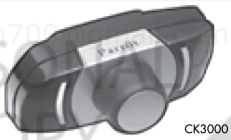

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Naomi to reveal all

SUPERMODEL Naomi Campbell will appear on the Oprah Winfrey show to explain her recent arrests for alleged assault.

Naomi, 36, was released on police bail in London following her arrest for allegedly assaulting her drugs counsellor.

JUSTIN: I MAKE LOVE IN SILENCE

Music's a turn off

■ by PETER DYKE

POP hunk Justin Timberlake makes love to Cameron Diaz in total silence.

The 25-year-old SexyBack singer says noise in the bedroom distracts him when he and delectable Diaz, 34, make their own sweet music.

So he has to make sure the stereo is off.

Justin, ex-boyfriend of Britney Spears, 24, spills the beans to Michael Parkinson, 71, on his telly show tonight.

When asked if he plays his own CDs to get actress Cameron in the mood, he says: "Well, you know... different strokes for different folks! But I think, being a musician, it's a little hard to mix those two.

"If I'm playing my own music I'll pick out the chords and become distracted... as hard as that is to believe!"

Justin also lets slip that both girls and guys go crazy at his shows.

"One man threw his shirt at me and it landed on my face," he said.

● *Parkinson, ITV1 tonight at 10.15pm.*

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DISTRACTED: Justin

Julia a Pretty choice

HOLLYWOOD super-star Julia Roberts may be playing a Pretty Woman again.

George Clooney, 45, is said to have urged her to return to her most famous role.

A source close to the actress, 39, said: "Julia is desperate to diversify from the type of work she is being offered and asked George for his opinion.

"He loves Pretty Woman and really believes there is a story to be told in terms of a sequel.

"He's even said that he'll play the rich guy if Richard Gere refuses to do it."

A DUMMY RUN

LONDON wax museum Madame Tussauds is building a flashy £30million Los Angeles branch in Hollywood.

The attraction, just yards from the Hollywood Wax Museum, will extend the Tussauds empire to seven major world cities – with museums also in Amsterdam, Hong Kong, Las Vegas, New York and Shanghai.

Group finance chief Rob Rodger said: "Los Angeles is a key market and the epicentre is Hollywood."

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DON'T GIVE UP THE FIGHT FOR MY BABY DAVE

FAMILY VALUES: Yohane, right, says toddler son David 'belongs' to Madonna

Toddler 'belongs' to Madge says dad

■ by CAROLINE VIRR

THE father of Madonna's Malawian baby has begged the singer not to give up her fight to keep his son.

Yohane Banda, 32, insisted yesterday that he agreed to the controversial adoption "willingly".

The poor farm worker said he gave 13-month-old David away "with all my heart" and does not regret his decision.

Speaking through an interpreter from his sister's home, Yohane said his agreement with Madonna is still valid.

He then sent out an emotional message to the Queen of Pop, pleading: "Madonna, whatever is happening... please be strong and don't give up the fight. My David will be a good son to you."

"I gave David away and he now belongs to Madonna."

Madge, 48, brought David back to England earlier this month after she spent a week touring orphanages in Malawi on behalf of her charity, Raising Malawi.

Orphans

The group is setting up an orphan care centre to provide food, education and shelter for up to 4,000 children.

The singer says she chose one-year-old David after learning that there are more than a million orphans in the impoverished country.

But children's charities and human rights groups have hit out, saying she used her celebrity status to "buy" a baby and bypass rules.

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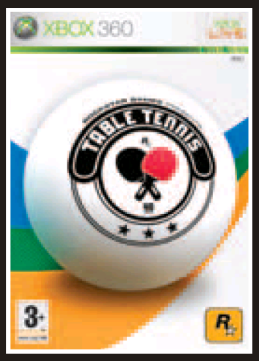

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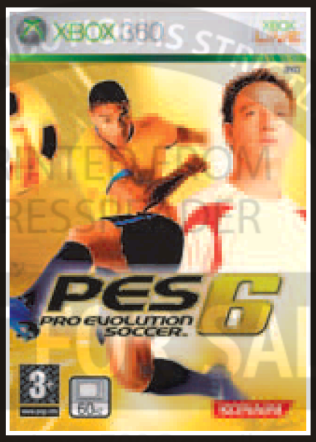

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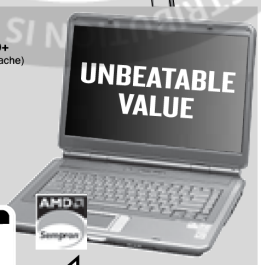

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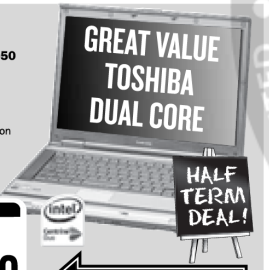

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JOE MOTT'S DOUBLE AWARD WINNING Hot

CHRIS IN HIDING

I GLIMPSED **Chris Martin's** paranoia at London's Mango Room restaurant on Thursday night, ahead of watching **The Raconteurs** gig. Behind a curtain with **Johnny Buckland**, Chris spent the meal with his hand masking his face.

While my heart doesn't exactly bleed for him, it must be rough to be so worried about privacy.

Picture: MARK ALLAN

CAUGHT LIVE

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE QUEEN
Roundhouse, London

DAMON Albarn is rapidly becoming one of the most interesting individuals on the British musical landscape.

From the mockney Britpop japery of **Blur**, through to the intriguing world of music projects and globe straddling pop music perfection in the form of **Gorillaz**, the 38-year-old is a master at reinvention.

And with new group **The Good, The Bad And The Queen,** he's undergone a further radical transformation.

The quartet, comprising of Albarn, former **Verve** guitarist **Simon Tong**, former **Clash** bassist **Paul Simonon** and afro-beat drummer **Tony Allen,** dazzle at this, their debut London gig.

This new outfit blend a dizzying array of influences into a peculiarly British whole. So, booming Jamaican basslines cuddle up to medieval madrigals.

It's a laid-back palette that Albarn paints from and one that promises great things.

CARL STROUD

BLOG ME

IN the last blog of the week, I discuss **Damon Albarn's** new band, **Ricky Wilson**, **Chris Martin**, some slightly deep personal stuff and various TV things. Check it out at www.dailystar.co.uk/blog. It will better your mind.

Tom upset by heckler

KEANE man **Tom Chaplin** got lambasted by an audience member at his latest gig.

The singer, inset – fresh out of rehab – was playing a gig at London's Alexandra Palace on Thursday when a lady in the front row took exception to his comments.

Tom, 27, said: "A couple of months ago I was sitting just down the road in rehab. I've had some very dark times and the band have been there for me. But more importantly, you guys have always been there."

A woman near the front bellowed: "Shut up you crackhead. It's nothing to be proud of."

A fellow gig-goer said: "She was really shouting and Tom looked really unhappy about it."

I wonder why she went in the first place?

● The band played the Brighton Centre the day before and were forced to scrap their encore after the stage rigging collapsed. Keane have not had the best of weeks.

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Liam's radio rant

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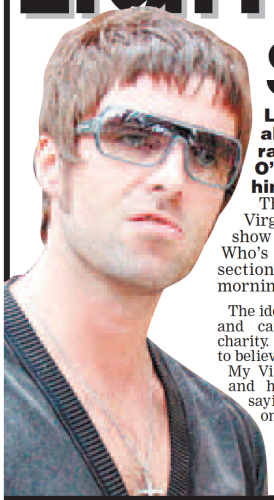

LIAM Gallagher was left absolutely furious after radio bloke Christian O'Connell repeatedly told him to "ps off".**

The Oasis man called Virgin Radio's breakfast show to take part in the Who's Calling Christian section early yesterday morning.

The idea is, a celeb rings in and can win £10,000 for charity. But big Chris refused to believe it was Liam.

My Virgin insider said: "Liam and his mate Scully called in saying they wanted £10,000 for coming on the show.

"But Christian thought it was a pair of jokers and spent two hours telling them to p**s off. Eventually, they sent in a picture message of them both and **Nicole Appleton** got on the line to confirm his identity."

On air, Liam, 34, said: "It's not a pub quiz man it's me. I've not rang you, it's my f***ing divvy mate."

Christian told him listeners have to vote on which celeb wins the money for charity.

Cost

Liam said: "Yeah I've heard about it mate, yeah, I just want my bills paying! That's all I care about."

Christian asked Liam to come in and perform, as that would guarantee he'd win.

Liam added: "It's gonna cost you a lot more f***ing money than ten grand to get me singing mate. I don't care about the swearing. I mean come on man."

At which point, Liam left the conversation.

What a wonderful anecdote.

■ FAILED to land tickets for **Scissor Sisters'** Halloween spectacular? No worries. Website globalcool.com will air the entire event, and they have backstage access, so if you want to know what a Scissor Sister gets up to before a show, now's your chance to find out.

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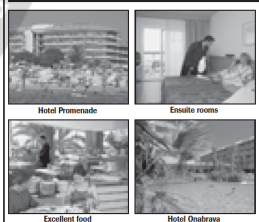

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DAILY STAR NEWS

NIGHT IN THE TILES

...coz it's too dear to go out

BORED Brits have turned their backs on the traditional Saturday night out.

■ by NADINE LINGE

They'd rather stay in at the weekend and watch the telly – because it's too expensive to go out and they're fed up with young binge boozers.

Even younger party animals tend to strut their stuff on a Thursday or Friday.

In a new lifestyle survey, 60% of those polled said Saturday was their last choice for a night on the tiles.

That rose to a whopping 69% in London and 72% in East Anglia.

Nearly half named Friday as their "big night out". Londoners prefer Thursdays and sometimes sneak home from work early the next day to nurse hangovers.

More than 50% said they were put off Saturdays by youngsters getting drunk.

The survey, by leisure giant lastminute.com, found that nearly half of Brits go out up to four times a week.

A party-loving 29% hit the town five or six times.

Good-time Midlanders are the most sociable.

Nearly three out of 10 of them go out EVERY night.

The Welsh are least likely to paint the town red.

Lavish

Most Brits splash out a large chunk of their income on nights out.

More than a third spend up to £110 a week and 22% cough up £200.

Londoners are the most lavish, with almost a fifth spending between £170 and £200 per week.

Canny Yorkshire folk manage to spend a maximum of £80, despite going out up to six times a week.

Pubs are the most popular venue.

Lopo Champalimaud, of lastminute.com, said: "Saturdays seem to be more family-orientated with daytime visits to a theme park, museum or a football match."

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Picture: RETNACELEBS

David's hassled

■ IS Baywatch star David Hasselhoff still up for keeping a babe-watch despite his woman troubles?

■ The Hoff, 54 – who is embroiled in a bitter £50million divorce battle with wife Pamela Bach, 43 – kept an eye on the street at a video store in LA.

■ An onlooker said: "Maybe he thought a good film would take his mind off his troubles."

STAR BURST

VETERAN ex-Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, 70, received an honorary doctorate in archaeology at the University of East Anglia.

Pumpkin bonanza

PUMPKIN sales are expected to hit a record 2.2million this Halloween.

A big rise in the number of children "trick or treating" is fuelling a boom.

Supermarkets say sales are up 20% and growers say demand is up 10%.

An industry source said: "We are following in the footsteps of Americans.

"Halloween is now their second biggest celebration after Thanksgiving and over here it just gets bigger each year."

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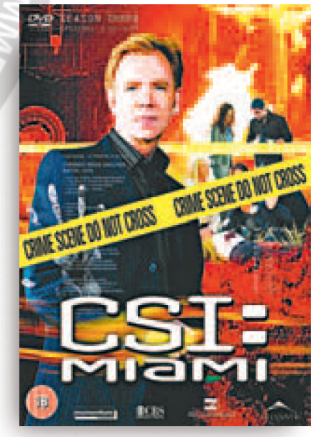

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SNOOP DOGG HELD IN DRUG AND GUN BUST

COLLARED: Snoop is led away after police allegedly found drugs, inset below, and a gun

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Airport cops swoop on hip hop icon

by CAROLINE VIRR

RAP legend Snoop Dogg has been arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana and carrying a gun.

The 35-year-old hip hop star – real name Calvin Broadus – was in his car outside Bob Hope Airport in Burbank, California, when he was pulled over by police.

Dogg is alleged to have immediately admitted having a pistol in the car and was arrested on firearm and drugs charges. The rapper was later freed on £18,000 bail and will appear in court in a month's time.

But his lawyer, Donald Etra, said: "There was no basis for this arrest. We believe that once this is cleared up, all charges will be dismissed."

Banned

It's not the first time the Signs hitmaker has had airport trouble.

Last month he was picked up for allegedly carrying an illegal baton at Orange County's John Wayne Airport in California.

And he remains banned from British Airways flights after a fracas at Heathrow Airport in April.

The rapper was cautioned after he and his entourage caused a brawl when they weren't allowed into the airline's first-class lounge.

In 1993 the star was tried and acquitted on a charge of murder.

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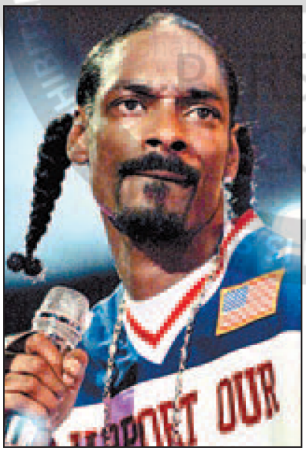

BARKING: Snoop Dogg in action

REUNION HOPE: Mel C

Spices 'to sing again'

FORMER Spice Girl Mel C has revealed the group would love to get back together.

The 32-year-old singer said they could reunite for a one-off charity gig.

But she added that they will never reform for good like Take That and All Saints as they don't need the cash.

She told Radio 1's Scott Mills Show: "We've talked about getting together for charity events. Live 8 would have been the perfect opportunity but we couldn't get that together."

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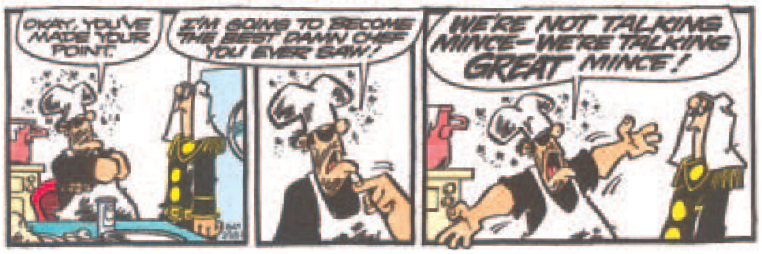

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